

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Cancel the current abstract of the disclosure and replace it at the back of the Application with the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(i), herein below are a set of clean claims containing all revisions made herein.

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Cancel Claims 1 - 3, 10 and 17 without prejudice.

Amend the Claims as follows:

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4. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein the supplying includes providing the liquid as a composition selected from a group consisting of a gelatin, a starch, cellulose, a cellulose derivative, a water-soluble polymer, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, polyvinyl alcohol, poly-sucrose, and a sugar.
5. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein the supplying includes providing as the liquid a solution consisting essentially of 5 grams of fish gelatin in a solvent consisting of from 7 to 9 milliliters of water and 10 to 11 milliliters of ethanol.
6. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, which comprises supplying as the liquid a solution consisting essentially of 5 grams of fish gelatin in a solvent

consisting of 8 milliliters of water, 10 milliliters of ethanol and 1 milliliter of peppermint flavoring.

7. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, which comprises providing an air flow to encourage the deposition of the at least one fiber or fibrils on the surface.
8. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, which further comprises regulating temperature of a region where the liquid issues from the outlet to facilitate the formation of the at least one fiber or fibrils.
9. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, which comprises establishing the electric field by applying a high voltage to the surface.
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11. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, which further comprises using as the surface a rotatable endless surface].

12. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein the providing of the at least one active ingredient is effected by spraying the active ingredient onto at least one of: the at least one fiber or fibrils; the mat or web; and the individual tablets.

13. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein the providing of the active ingredient is incorporated into the at least one fiber or fibrils.

14. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, which further comprises forming the at least one fiber or fibrils with a core containing the at least one active ingredient.
15. (Once amended) A method of manufacturing a pharmaceutical product which further comprises using a method in accordance with claim 34 and providing as the at least one active ingredient an ingredient which is pharmacologically or biologically active.
16. (Once amended) A method of manufacturing a confectionary product which comprises using a method in accordance with claim 34 to form the plurality of individual tablets and incorporating as the at least one active ingredient at least one of the following: sugar; chocolate; a flavoring; and a colorant.
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18. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 48, wherein the cutting means comprises at least one cutter.

19. (Once amended) Apparatus for manufacturing consumable or dissolvable tablets, comprising:

means for supplying a liquid containing a biodissolvable carrier through a liquid supply tube to an outlet of the tube;

means for establishing an electric field between the outlet and a support surface spaced from the outlet to cause liquid issuing from the outlet to form at least one fiber or fibrils of the biodissolvable carrier;

means for causing the fiber or fibrils to deposit onto the support surface to form a fiber web or mat;

means for forming from the fiber web or mat a plurality of individual tablets;
and

means for incorporating at least one active ingredient into the web or mat, the individual tablets being configured to melt, liquefy, disintegrate or dissolve in a wet environment.

20. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the liquid is a supply selected from a group consisting of a gelatin, starch, cellulose, a cellulose derivative, a water soluble polymer, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, polyvinyl alcohol, polysucrose, a sugar.
21. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the liquid is a supply selected from a group consisting of a solution consisting essentially of 5 grams of gelatin in 7 to 9 milliliters of water and 10 to 11 milliliters of ethanol.
22. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the liquid is a supply of a solution consisting essentially of 5 grams of gelatin in 8 milliliters of water, 10 milliliters of ethanol and 1 milliliter of peppermint flavoring.

23. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising air flow causing means for facilitating the deposition of the at least one fiber or fibrils onto the support.
24. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the electric field establishing means comprises means for applying a positive potential to the support.
25. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising a rotatable endless surface as the support.
26. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising an environmental control means for regulating the temperature of the region where liquid issues from the outlet.
27. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising spraying means for spraying the at least one active ingredient onto at least one of: the fiber or fibrils; the mat or web; and individual tablets.
28. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising means for supplying the active ingredient so that the at least one fiber or fibrils have a core containing the active ingredient.

29. (Once amended) A consumable or dissolvable tablet, pad or mat manufactured using a method in accordance with claim 34.
30. (Once amended) A consumable or dissolvable tablet produced by subjecting liquid comprising the carrier material to a high electric field and comprising a web of fibers of a carrier material carrying at least one active ingredient, the carrier material being configured and arranged to melt, liquefy, dissolve or disintegrate in a wet environment.
31. (Once amended) A consumable or dissolvable tablet of claim 30, wherein the web of fibers or fibrils are of gelatin, the liquid comprising gelatin.
32. (Once amended) A tablet according to claim 30, wherein the active ingredient comprises a pharmacologically or biologically active ingredient.

Insert the following new Claims 34-48:

- ³⁴ (Newly submitted) A method of manufacturing tablets, comprising supplying a liquid containing a carrier through a supply tube to an outlet of the supply tube, establishing an electric field between the outlet and a support surface that is spaced from the outlet to cause liquid issuing from the outlet to form at least one fiber or fibrils of the carrier, causing the at least one fiber or fibrils to deposit onto the support surface to form a fiber web or mat, forming a plurality of individual tablets

from the fiber or mat, and providing the individual tablets with at least one active ingredient, the individual tablets melting, liquefying, disintegrating or dissolving in a wet environment.

35. (Newly submitted) A method as in claim 34, wherein the forming arising from separating the fiber web or mat into the plurality of individual tablets.
36. (Newly submitted) A method as in claim 35, wherein the separating is effected by cutting the fiber web or mat.
37. (Newly submitted) A method as in claim 34, wherein the carrier is biodissolvable.
38. (Newly submitted) A method as in claim 34, wherein the carrier is hydrophilic and biologically compatible.
39. (Newly submitted) A method as in claim 34, wherein the fiber web or mat is configured to melt or liquefy on contact with a wet surface.
40. (Newly submitted) A method as in claim 34, wherein the providing of the individual tablets with at least one active ingredient includes incorporating the at least one active ingredient in and/or on the individual tablets.

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41. (Newly submitted) A method as in claim 34, wherein the liquid consists essentially of a hydrophilic solution of gelatin, the deposit causing formation on the support surface of the fiber web or mat, the fiber web or mat consisting of at least one gelatin fiber as the afore-mentioned fiber or gelatin fibrils as the afore-mentioned fibrils, the forming of the individual tablets arising from separating the fiber web or mat, the providing of the at least one active ingredient including incorporating the at least one active ingredient and a sweetener into and/or on the individual tablets.
42. (Newly submitted) A method as in claim 41, wherein the sweetener is saccharine.
43. (Newly submitted) An apparatus as in claim 19, further comprising means for separating the web or mat into the plurality of individual tablets, the means for incorporating including means for incorporating the at least one active ingredient in the tablets.
44. (Newly submitted) A consumable or dissolvable tablet as in claim 30, wherein the carrier material is biodissolvable.
45. (Newly submitted) A method as in claim 34, wherein the liquid consists essentially of a hydrophilic solution of gelatin, the deposit causing formation on the support surface of the fiber web or mat, the fiber web or mat consisting of at least one gelatin fiber as the afore-mentioned fiber or gelatin fibrils as the afore-mentioned fibrils, the forming of the individual tablets arising from separating the fiber web or